

ADVOCACY

The following are organizations that focus on advocacy.

AQUA

www.aquadc.org

AQUA is an all-volunteer organization empowering the gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning members of the Asian and Pacific Islander community in the metro Washington, DC area. AQUA strives to project a positive image of queer API men in the community through advocacy, education, outreach, and social events.

Asian Pacific Islanders Queer Sisters

www.apiqsdc.org

Asian Pacific Islander Queer Sisters is an organization for queer API sisters in the Washington, DC metro area, focusing on education, community, and sisterhood. APIQS provides outreach and support for queer API women, educate themselves and others about issues that are unique to queer API women, and increase awareness and visibility of queer API women.

DC CARE Consortium

www.dccare.org

The mission of DCCC is to advocate the assurance and availability of appropriate HIV/AIDS services in the community, including the equitable distribution of funding for these services and quality assurance in their delivery.

D.C. Coalition of Black Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Men and Women

The DC Coalition is one of the oldest advocacy groups in the city. The group primarily organizes events and community forums that focus on the state of the black gay community in the District of Columbia.

DC Trans Coalition

www.dctranscoalition.wordpress.com

The DC Trans Coalition (DCTC) is a volunteer, grassroots community-based organization dedicated to fighting for human rights, dignity, and equal access for transsexual, transgender and gender-diverse people in the District of Columbia.

Different Avenues

www.differentavenues.org

Different Avenues works for the health, rights and safety of youth and young adults affected by violence, HIV and discrimination.

Elder Think Tank

www.thedccenter.org/programs_elderthinktank.html

The Elder Think Tank is a program of the DC Center made up of a broad spectrum of volunteers. Their mission is to provide support and advocacy for the aging LGBT populations of the DC metropolitan area and those who provide services to them. This mission is accomplished through identification of needs and concerns, and provision or facilitation of education and training.

Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund

www.victoryfund.org

The Gay and Lesbian Victory fund is the nation's largest LGBT political action committee and the only national organization dedicated to increasing the number of openly LGBT elected officials at all levels of government. The Victory Fund and its national donor network have helped hundreds of openly LGBT candidates win elections to local, state, and federal offices.

Gay and Lesbian Activists Alliance

www.glaa.org

GLAA is a volunteer, non-partisan, non-profit advocacy organization founded in 1971, with a local Washington, D.C. focus. They are America's oldest continuously active organization devoted to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender civil rights.

GAYLAW

www.gaylaw.org

Founded in 1990, GAYLAW is an independent, non-partisan bar association serving gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender lawyers, law students, and legal professionals in the national capital area. GAYLAW works to advance the interests of the GLBT community, to be their voice within the legal community, and to improve their professional lives.

Gertrude Democratic Stein Club

www.steindemocrats.org

The Gertrude Stein Democratic Club is the voice of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) Democrats in the District of Columbia.

Gays and Lesbians Opposing Violence - GLOV

www.glovdc.org

The primary mission of Gays and Lesbians Opposing Violence (GLOV) is to work to reduce violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals (and those perceived as LGBT) through community outreach, education, and monitoring cases to ensure that the rights and dignity of LGBT victims are respected and protected. GLOV also seeks to assist victims of anti-LGBT violence by advocating on their behalf, encouraging reporting, and providing a community of support. Please contact GLOV if you or someone you know is the victim of a hate crime.

Human Rights Campaign

www.hrc.org

The Human Rights Campaign represents a grassroots force of over 750,000 members and supporters nationwide. As the largest national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender civil rights organization, HRC envisions an America where LGBT people are ensured of their basic equal rights, and can be open, honest and safe at home, at work and in the community.

Log Cabin Republicans-DC Chapter

www.logcabin.org/logcabinDC

Log Cabin DC is part of the national Log Cabin Republican effort to achieve fairness and equality for gay and lesbian individuals and families who simply seek to participate in the responsibilities and privileges enjoyed by heterosexual Americans.

Metro Teen AIDS

www.metroteenaids.org

Metro TeenAIDS is dedicated to eliminating HIV infection among young people in the Washington DC metropolitan area. Metro TeenAIDS focusses their advocacy work with the public school system and health department to improve the governments response to HIV/AIDS in the youth community.

National Gay & Lesbian Task Force

www.thetaskforce.org

The mission of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is to build the grassroots power of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community. The Task Force trains activists, equips state and local organizations with the skills needed to organize broad-based campaigns to defeat anti-LGBT referenda and advances pro-LGBT legislation, and building the organizational capacity of the movement.

National Stonewall Democrats

www.stonewalldemocrats.org

The National Stonewall Democrats is a grassroots network connecting LGBT Democratic activists from Seattle, Washington to Austin, Texas to Little Rock, Arkansas to Atlanta, Georgia. Stonewall members do the hard work of calling voters, putting together campaign mailings, going door-to-door for fair-minded candidates and having tough conversations with Democratic party officials about why GLBT families need and deserve more support from our party and its elected officials.

National Youth Advocacy Coalition

www.nyacyouth.org

The National Youth Advocacy Coalition is a social justice organization that advocates for and with young people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning (LGBTQ) in an effort to end discrimination against these youth and to ensure their physical and emotional well-being.

Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays - PFLAG of Metro DC

www.pflagdc.org

Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays promotes the equality and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered persons, their families and friends through: Support to cope with an adverse society, education to enlighten an ill-informed public and, advocacy to end discrimination and secure equal civil rights.

Servicemembers Legal Defense Network - SLDN

www.sldn.org

SLDN is a national, non-profit legal services, watchdog and policy organization dedicated to ending discrimination against and harassment of military personnel affected by "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" and related forms of intolerance.

Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League -SMYAL

www.smyal.org

The Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL) is the only Washington, DC metro area service organization solely dedicated to supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) youth. Founded in 1984, SMYAL is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. Their mission is to promote and support self-confident, healthy, productive lives for LGBTQ youth ages 13-21 as they journey from adolescence into adulthood.

The Center - Home for LGBT in Metro DC

www.thedccenter.org

The Center's mission is to celebrate, strengthen, and support community among the GLBT residents and organizations of Metropolitan Washington, DC.

The Mautner Project

www.mautnerproject.org

The Mautner Project improves the health of lesbians, bisexual, and transgender women who partner with women, and their families, through advocacy, education, research, and direct service.

The National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce

www.nglcc.org

The National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce is committed to forming a broad-based coalition, representative of the various interests of LGBT owned and friendly businesses, professionals, and students of business for the purpose of promoting economic growth and the prosperity of its members.

Transgender Health Empowerment Inc. – T.H.E

www.theincdc.org

The mission of T.H.E. Inc. is to enhance the quality of life of the diverse transgender populations by advocating for and supporting a continuum of health and social services. T.H.E. works with other community groups to advocate for improved and culturally competent services for all transgender residents in the District of Columbia.